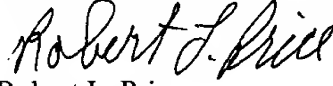


REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claims 5, 8-9, 11-12, and 18 to avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee.

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